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SUBJ: CISCO III

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1716 (NOTAL), STATE 23740

1. WISH ONCE MORE TO ENTER OUR VIEW (KHARTOUM 234) THAT
ANY CISCO CAPTIVES WHO COME INTO USG HANDS HERE (OR ELSE-
WHERE) SHOULD BE SPED TOWARD THEIR DESTINATION WHEN A

DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT THEY ARE MEDICALLY FIT
FOR TRAVEL. NEW POTENTIAGKOMPLICATIONS INTRODUCED
ADDIS 1716 REINFORCE THIS VIEW.

2. WHILE CISCO'S PREFERENCES (STATE 23740) MUST OF
COURSE BE CONSIDERED, WE FIND CISCO'S SCHEME FOR HAVING
BAKER JOIN RELEASED MEN FRLTY.
IF CISCO CARES TO POSITION A REPRESENTATIVE (BAKER OR SOMEONE
ELSE) WITH NECESSARY FUNDS IN KHARTOUM, WE WOULD NOW HAVE
NO OBJECTION, EVEN THOUGH THERE NO ASSURANCE THAT
RELEASE IMMINENT OR THAT IT WILL OCCUR IN SUDAN.
OTHERWISE, WE FEEL WE SHOULD HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO SEND
RELEASED MEN (WHO MAY WELL NOT WISH LINGER IN
THIS GARDEN SPOT) ON TO FRANKFURT.

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3. WITH RESPECT VISAS FOR MAAG CREW AND BAKER AND

CLEARANCE FOR MAAG FLIGHT, WE COULD PROBABLY MANAGE
EXPEDITE WITH SUFFICIENT PUSH AT TOP. BUT WE
REPEAT OUR VIEW THAT IT UNWISE AT BEST TO MUDDY WATERS
STILL FURTHER.

4. WE AGAIN STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY BE
FURNISHED FISCAL DATA FOR POSSIBLE USE IN PURCHASING
AIRLINE TICKETS, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL CARE FOR RELEASED
HOSTAGES, PLUS AIRLINE TICKET FOR EMBASSY ESCORT
OFFICER IF NEEDED.
IF CISCO REP ABLE ARRIVE SHORTLY AFTER RELEASE, SO MUCH
THE BETTER, BUT WE DO NOT WANT TO BE AT MERCY THIS FACTOR.
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